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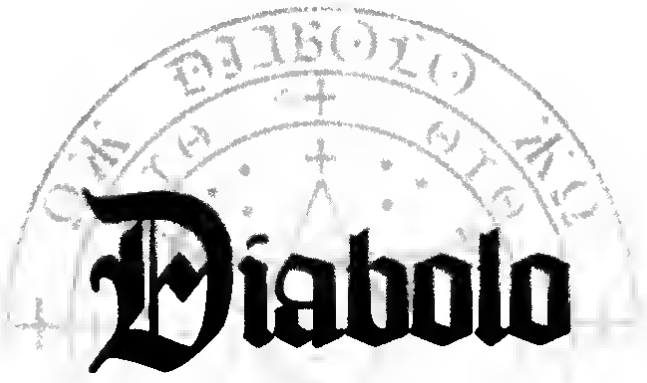
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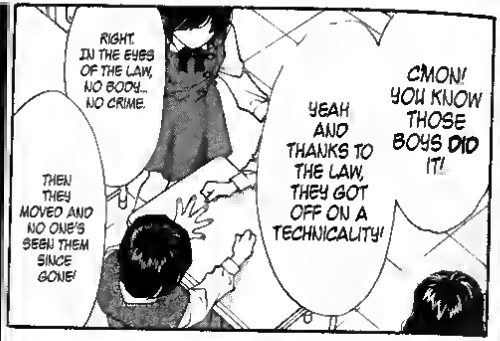
COME OVER HERE, LITTLE BOYS.
THIS WAY...
IF WE DO WHAT YOU SAY, WILL YOU REALLY SAVE MIO?
OF COURSE I WILL.
I PROMISE... I'LL GRANT YOUR WISH.
NOW...

SAME AGE AS US...
...SEVEN-TEEN.

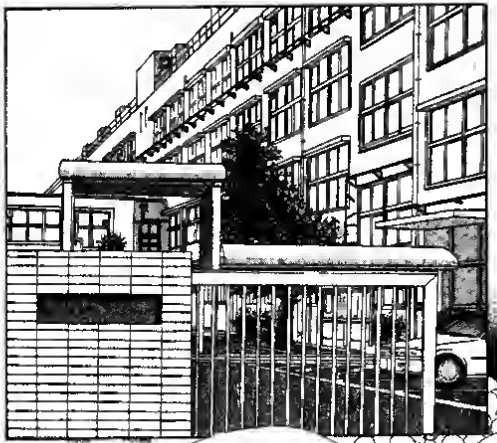

RIGHT. IN THE EYES OF THE LAW, NO BODY... NO CRIME.
THEN THEY MOVED AND NO ONE'S SEEN THEM SINCE. GONE!
YEAH AND THANKS TO THE LAW, THEY GOT OFF ON A TECHNICALITY!
C'MON! YOU KNOW THOSE BOYS DID IT!

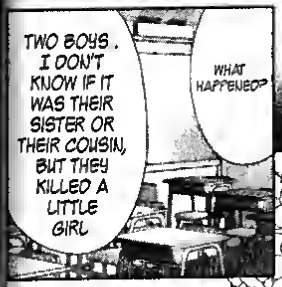
MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT KIND OF ADULTS THEY'VE BECOME
HMM.. DEVILS, AREN'T THEY?

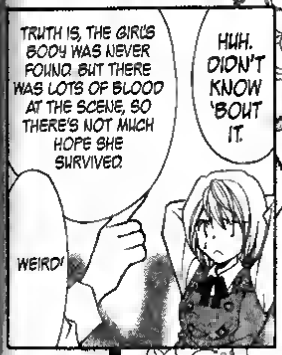
THEY WERE PRETTY YOUNG AT THE TIME.
THEY WOULDN'T BE ADULTS YET.

HOW OLD..
...WOULD THEY BE NOW?

SO, GET THIS. TEN YEARS AGO...
THERE WAS A MURDER RIGHT HERE IN THIS TOWN.
AND IT WAS COMMITTED BY CHILDREN.. BACK WHEN SUCH A THING WASN'T SO COMMON




WHAT HAPPENED?
TWO BOYS . I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS THEIR SISTER OR THEIR COUSIN, BUT THEY KILLED A LITTLE GIRL


HUH. DIDN'T KNOW 'BOUT IT.
TRUTH IS, THE GIRL'S BODY WAS NEVER FOUND. BUT THERE WAS LOTS OF BLOOD AT THE SCENE, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH HOPE SHE SURVIVED.
WEIRD!

REALLY? THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE EVER ABOUT IT
FOR REALS?
I'VE LIVED HERE FOREVER, TOO.

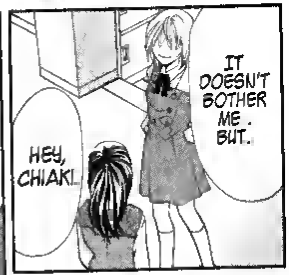
WAIT, CHIAKI! THERE'S MORE! IT'S CRAZY!
HEY I GOTTA GO.
THEY WERE ONLY SEVEN WHEN THEY MURDERED THE GIRL? THAT'S AWFUL!
WHAT'S CHIAKI'S DEAL? SHE SEEMS REALLY OUT OF IT.
SHE'S ALWAYS SO LOW-KEY, AND STUFF.
I've got real things to worry about. Not sick rumors.
I can't tell anyone...
...about how my body is... changing
CHIAKI.
Some boyfriend never around when I need you!
AUGHH!
CMON!
ARE YOU OKAY?
MAKO...!
I... I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED. I FEEL LIKE IT'S ALL MY FAULT

AND WHILE IT'S SAFE TO SAY MY PARENTS HAVE BOUGHT THE HOME OF THEIR DREAMS..
...they're always working so they can pay it off

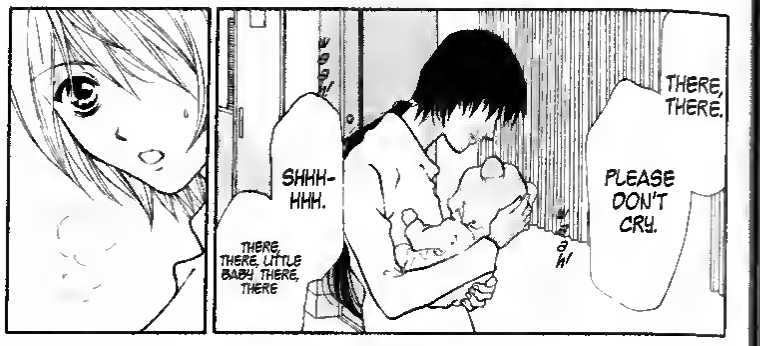
I don't know about it, though I get weird vibes from the place
And the building's more than half vacant.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, MAKO.
Mako was the one who introduced me to "him"
He was really cool, and I was totally into him, but..
right now..
I GUESS PEOPLE GET BUSY, DON'T THEY? WHATEVER

I'm a month late..
THANK YOU.


IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME . BUT..
HEY, CHIAKI.

IF YOU NEED TO TALK... PLEASE, JUST LET ME KNOW.


THERE, THERE.
PLEASE DON'T CRY.
WAAH!
SHHH-HHH.
THERE, THERE, LITTLE BABY. THERE, THERE
WAAH!

Isn't that postpartum depression?
The husband's never home and the kid's always crying!
The newlyweds on the 4th floor.

THERE... THERE...
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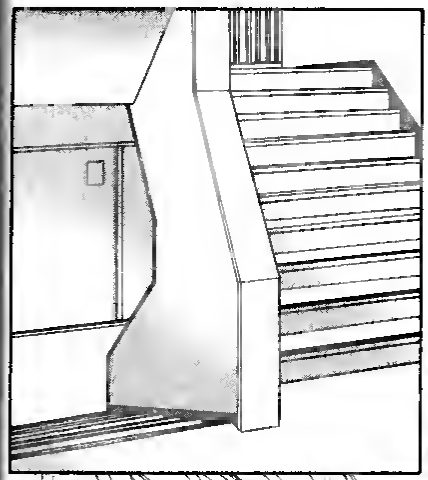

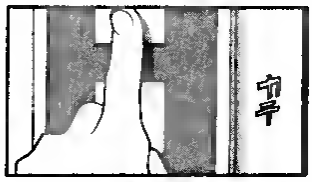
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YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING. OUT OF SERVICE?
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? ?

Uhh... My stomach. It hurts...
Oww I almost hope it is a miscarriage.

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UGH... SUCH A PAIN GETTING TO THE TENTH FLOOR.

WAAH!
WAAH!

HEY, KIO...!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF. CALM DOWN.
I WISH EVERYTHING WOULD DISAPPEAR!!!

EEK...!
WOOF WOOF!
WOOF WOOF!
GARBAGE? GROSS...
EEW! WHAT IS THAT?!
GET BACK IN HERE, KING!
SHH!
WOOF

MY LIFE SUCKS!!
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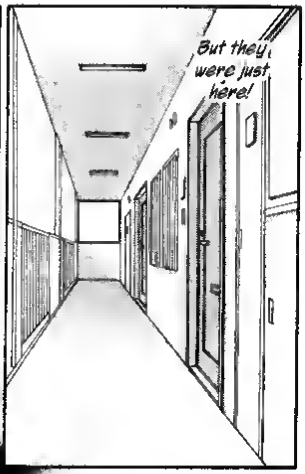
ズキ
I hate being alone here!
UGH...
WHAT THE HELL?!
Pets aren't allowed here!
ズキ
Even though it was small and run down, it was better at the old apartment.

W-WHO ARE YOU...?
HEY, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.
A GIRL LIKE YOU MAKES A PERFECT TARGET, YOU KNOW.
RIGHT, RAI? YOU SNIFFED HER OUT, AFTER ALL, DIDN'T YOU?
YES. I COULD SMELL HER... BLOOD.
I APOLOGIZE IF REN STARTLED YOU

SEE, ABOUT THAT BLOOD...
Crap! My period? It started?
OOH-- SHE'S A PLAYER!
GIRLS LIKE HER ARE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE
Blood..?
LOOK AT THIS GIRL.
NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT, REN
YOU PERVERT! HELP!
WHAT THE..?
UH... WEIRD GUY. THERE WAS THIS...!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE TEN YEARS, DOES IT?

UHHH, YES. IM...IM SORRY.
I'VE GOT TO... I'VE...
HOLD ON A MINUTE CALM DOWN. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

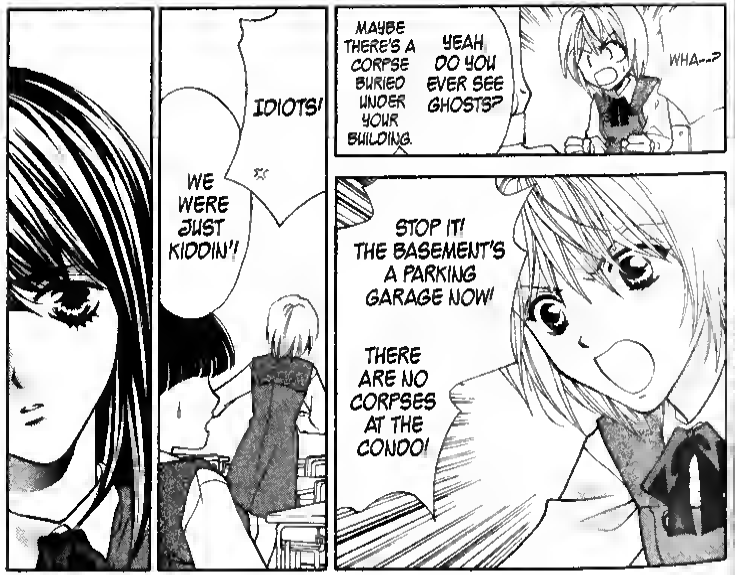

But they were just here!

BATHROOM
BATHROOM

I don't know why, but..
they scared me
I wonder who they were?

How embarrassing
Those guys.. they looked like "out-of-towners"
Whatever. I'm just glad..
. I wasn't pregnant

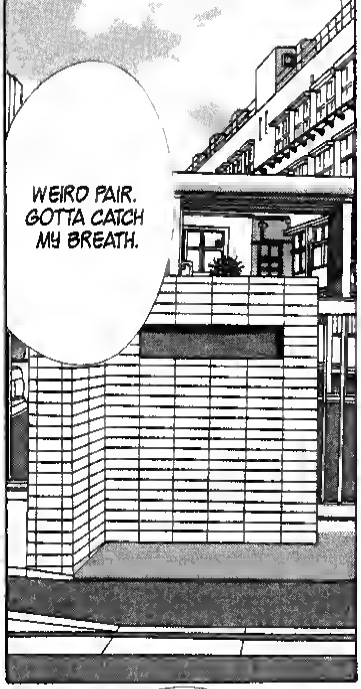
REMEMBER THAT CASE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT? THE LITTLE GIRL THAT DIED? YOUR CONDO WAS BUILT ON THE LOT WHERE THEY THINK IT HAPPENED.

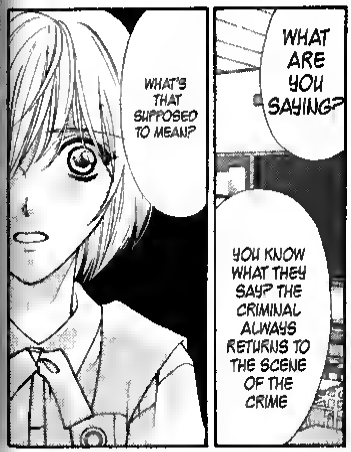

MAYBE THERE'S A CORPSE BURIED UNDER YOUR BUILDING.
YEAH. DO YOU EVER SEE GHOSTS?
WHA--?
IDIOTS!
WE WERE JUST KIDDIN'!
STOP IT! THE BASEMENT'S A PARKING GARAGE NOW!
THERE ARE NO CORPSES AT THE CONDO!

MAYBE THEY WERE TRYING TO PICK YOU UP?
HMM...

They just up and came out of nowhere. I don't like being scared.
IT WASN'T LIKE THAT.

WHAT IF THEY'RE THE...YOU KNOW...

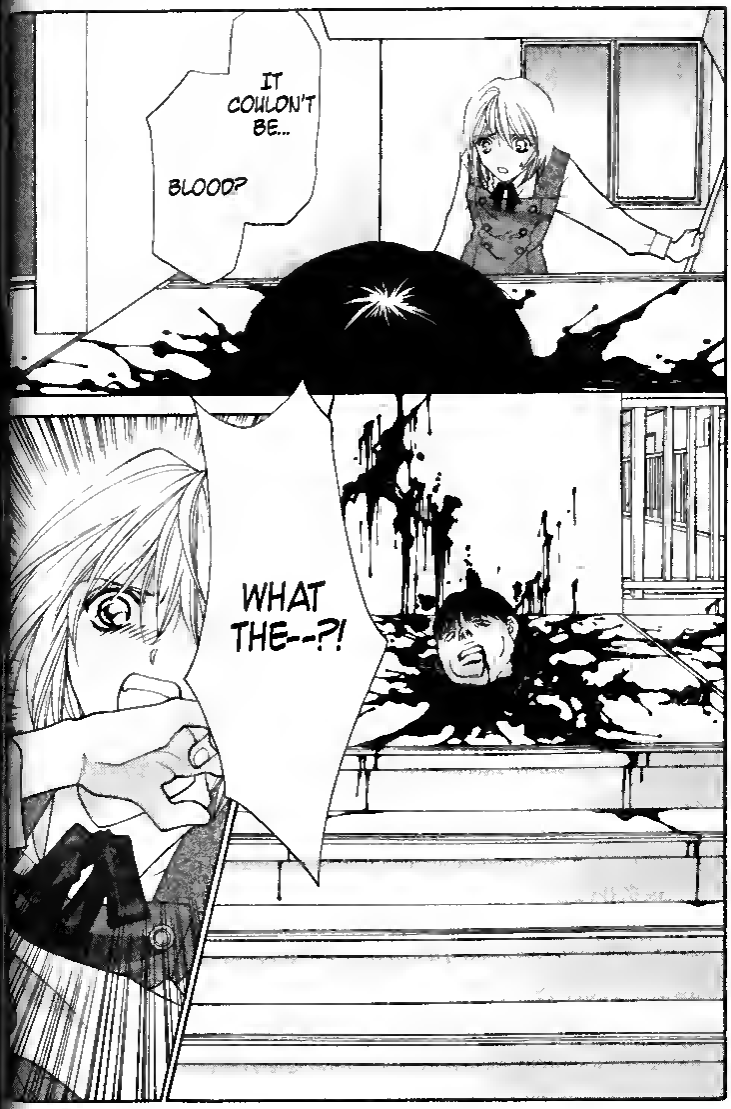

WEIRD PAIR. GOTTA CATCH MY BREATH.


WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY? THE CRIMINAL ALWAYS RETURNS TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

...SUSPECTS FROM THAT CASE TEN YEARS AGO?

CHIAKI.
YOU OKAY, CHIAKI?
NO, I'M NOT SCARED.
I'M FINE. THANKS, MAKO.
IF YOU'RE SCARED, I CAN STAY OVER.
WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NOTHING. JUST THE CRAMPS.
I'll just have to put up with the pain.
Thank God I'm not pregnant.
OH, MAKO...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...

The only one who worries about me.
Another pet?
THIS SUCKS.
Out of Service
What's that smell?
THIS IS A NEW BUILDING!!
HOW CAN IT NOT WORK?


IT COULDN'T BE...
BLOOD?
WHAT THE--?!

OH, MY GOD..!
HELP!
SOMEBODY!
The dog killed its owner.?
AAH!

TGRRR!
What?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUNG LADY?
.....!
PLEASE...DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT DOG! HURRY, OR...!
NO! YOUR ARM!
IT'S OKAY. I'M THE SHIELD OF DEFENSE.
THE SWORD OF OFFENSE IS...

THAT'S MY SPECIALTY!
YELP!

WELL, WE'RE DIABOLO, YOU KNOW.

AAH!
SUPER KICK
YEAH RIGHT! LOOK WHO'S TALKING! I THINK YOU CAN LET GO OF HER NOW.
IT'S BETTER IF YOU LOOK THE OTHER WAY. REN'S UNREFINED, YOU KNOW. NOT ONE TO CARE MUCH ABOUT THE FEMININE SENSIBILITIES.
E-E-
ENOUGH ALREADY! WHO ARE YOU?!

Oh my God. What if...
HEY! HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
...really aren't human...?
...these people...
YOU!

WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?
POLICE!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISS?
I couldn't say anything about those guys to the cops

...PROTECTED OR...
...UNTED? I WONDER.
Devils...?
DON'T MESS WITH ME!
HOW ABOUT IT, RA!?
CALM DOWN. PLEASE.
IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. THE SCENT OF BLOOD IS TOO STRONG AND...
HMM? SO EVEN YOUR SENSE OF SMELL GETS OVERWHELMED?
What...?
THE ENTITY THAT IS YOU...
SHOULD YOU BE

THIS IS OUR HOUSE. WE WANT YOU TO RESPECT THAT.

First worrying if I was pregnant or not and now this!
This has got me freaked
Whew...

GO NOW, CHIAKI.
HAVE A NICE DAY.
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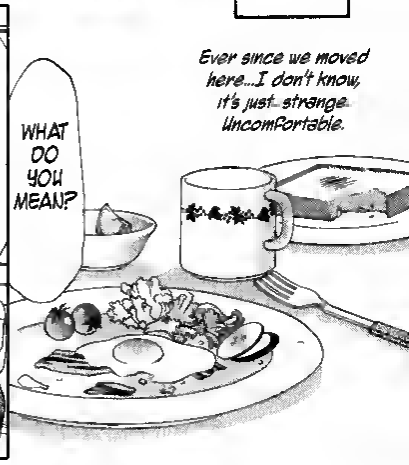
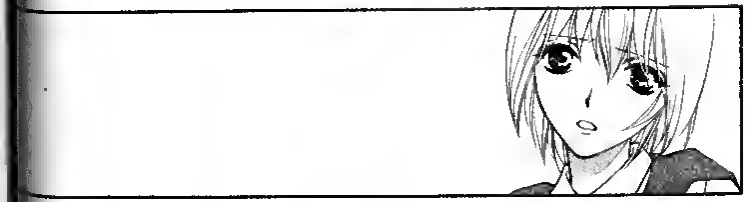
HEY, MOM.
YOU KNOW.. I'VE BEEN THINKING-- THIS CONDO.. IT'S KINDA WEIRD.
I...I WISH WE COULD MOVE. I WOULDN'T MIND A SMALLER PLACE, YOU KNOW. I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE HERE ANYMORE.
Something just held me back

BESIDES, THIS PLACE WOULDN'T BE EASY TO SELL, THANKS TO THAT INCIDENT

YOUR FATHER AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD FOR THIS PLACE PLEASE DON'T BE SELFISH.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Ever since we moved here...I don't know, it's just...strange. Uncomfortable.



The baby from the 4th floor sounds like he's got healthy lungs this morning
...is getting closer...?
It seems like the's crying!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!

I've got to tell her everything
I need to talk to Mako.
I need to talk about him.
From my suspicions about pregnancy to those weird kids...those devils...
I need someone to talk to.

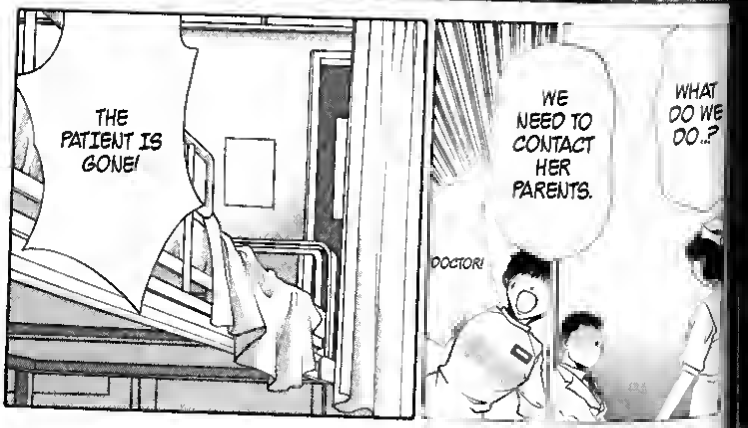
SHE'S REALLY DISTURBED.
MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE HER SOME SEDATIVES?
NO...
OHMYGOD, OHMYGOD... THE BABY... THE BABY!
THE BABY DIED INSTANTLY
THE MOTHER HAS BEEN ARRESTED, BUT THE GIRL WHO WITNESSED IT IS IN SHOCK
WAIT! YOU CAN'T GIVE HER MEDICATION!
HOLD ON, MISS. YOU'RE PREGNANT, AREN'T YOU?
What..?
UGLY
KILL!

Oh, no. What'll I do?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL DO?
Why can't I contact him?
YOU LOOK PRETTY YOUNG YOU'RE STILL IN SCHOOL, AREN'T YOU?
DO YOU KNOW WHO THE FATHER IS?
JUST TO CONFIRM, WE'LL NEED TO DO AN ULTRASOUND.

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...! I HAD MY PERIOD!
YOUR BELLY .IT LOOKS ABOUT FOUR MONTHS? YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEEL THE SIGNS, TOO DO YOU KNOW WHO THE FATHER IS?
MAYBE WE SHOULD CONTACT HER PARENTS
NO...!
STOP!
THE BLOOD... IT WASN'T FROM YOUR PERIOD.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF PREGNANCY
YOU CAME CLOSE TO A MISCARRIAGE AND THAT'S WHY YOU LOST BLOOD, BUT...
...I BELIEVE YOUR BABY IS GOING TO BE FINE.

OH MY GOD. WHAT IS IT?
IS IT ALIVE?
NO!!
NO!!

EE...
AH!
AAHH...!!
A baby without a head?!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE
THE FETUS IS ALIVE...
...BUT IT'S HEAD IS COMPLETELY GONE!


THE PATIENT IS GONE!
DOCTOR!
WE NEED TO CONTACT HER PARENTS.
WHAT DO WE DO..?

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This has got to be a dream!
Hahh Hahh
A nightmare!
Oh, God. What's inside me?
SHE'S COMING.
Somebody save me! God. Devil. I DON'T CARE!
YES... THE STRAY SHEEP.

Someone
Someone
は、

D-D-D.
Devil!
I feel like this has happened before.
NO..
The feeling of being chased and...
EEE...!
Save me!

YOU KNOW, CHIAKI, YOUR PARENTS ASKED ME TO LOOK FOR YOU.
PLEASE CALM DOWN NOW, LET'S GO HOME
I didn't know my parents knew about Mako.
I... APPRECIATE THAT, MAKO.
ARE YOU OKAY?
SAVE ME!
SAVE ME...!
MA... MAKO.
CHIAKI, ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL.
HMMM. IT'S ALL RIGHT AT ANY RATE, WE SHOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR PARENTS AND...
NO...!
HERE. HAVE SOME TEA.
I'M SICK OF THIS ALREADY!
I WANT TO DIE! EVERYONE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?
WHAT'S WRONG, CHIAKI?
THERE'S A WEIRD SHADOW ON THE CONDO.
IT'S JUST THE SHADOW FROM AN ELECTRIC POLE.

ARE YOU MAD BECAUSE I GOT PREGNANT? I'M SORRY, BUT...
OPEN UP!
WHY ARE YOU LOCKING ME IN!
WE HAVE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU UNTIL IT'S BORN.
NO.
IT'S TO PROTECT YOU.
SHUT UP!
PLEASE
I WON'T GIVE BIRTH TO IT! I DON'T WANT TO!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? N...NO!
CHIAKI!
MOM...
YOU HAD US WORRIED!
AFTER ALL, WE ARE YOUR PARENTS.
MOM, YOU KNEW?
HOW?
COME HERE.
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR BODY ANYMORE.
WHAT?

What happened to him? He just disappeared.
AS IF EH?
Where's it coming from?
Wait. That's a cell phone ringing?
?
The last...
I thought it was just that I couldn't get a hold of him, but...
When was the last time I saw him ?

IT'S FOR YOUR SAKE, CHIAKI.
YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE BIRTH TO OUR CHILD!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
"Our child"...?
DAD..?

...won't answer, but...
Well, he is the father..!
Hesitate
Hesitate
WHY, ALL OF A SUDDEN...!
YOU'VE IGNORED ME ALL THIS TIME!
LET ME OUT! OPEN UP!
MAKO, HELP ME!

SO...
..YOU'VE DECIDED TO HUNT ME, RIGHT?
FINE, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
AFTER ALL, WITH A BODY LIKE THIS...
THIS...
PATHETIC, INSIGNIFICANT LIFE

EEE...
WHY...
THIS IS THE 10TH FLOOR, YOU KNOW!
STOP THIS ALREADY!
WHY DOES THIS ONLY HAPPEN TO ME..?
DISAPPEAR!
ARE YOU SURE?
WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN END THIS NIGHTMARE.

IT WAS YOU GUYS AFTER ALL!
The crime from ten years ago.!
OH..
EVEN THOSE CLOSE TO US SUSPECTED AND HATED US.
PEOPLE WE DIDN'T KNOW THREW ROCKS AT US
HUMILIATED US, ASSAULTED US....
THAT'S RIGHT THE HEINOUS PAIR FROM THAT HORRIBLE DAY.
INTERESTING, ISN'T IT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRADE LIVES?
BUT THEN-- SUDDENLY-- WE REALIZED WE HAD INHUMAN POWERS.
MIO WAS OUR COUSIN. SHE WAS LIKE A SISTER TO US. SHE DISAPPEARED SO LONG AGO.
WE SEARCH FOR HER TO THIS DAY.
WE HAVEN'T KILLED ANYONE.

NO!
MMPH...!
THAT'S RIGHT, WE'RE DEVILS.
PEOPLE HAVE TOLD US THAT FOR TEN YEARS.
HOW WAS IT, REN?
YOU SAID TO DO WHATEVER I WANTED SO..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
No Reh
PERVERT! DEVIL!

IS "666" OR SOMETHING GOING TO APPEAR ON MY BODY?
C...CLOSE!
IDIOT
"ALLIES"? THEN ME, TOO?
THE DIABOLO.
THEY'RE PLEASED BECAUSE THEY'RE INCREASING THEIR ALLIES.
"THEIR"?
WH, 18...
6*6*6
WHY DON'T YOU ADD UP THOSE NUMBERS?
IT WAS CHANCE THAT WE RECEIVED THE DEVILS' POWERS WHILE STILL IN OUR HUMAN FORMS AND SOULS.
THAT'S WHY BEFORE WE TURN 18, WITH THESE POWERS...
WHEN WE TURN 18 WE'LL CHANGE INTO SOMETHING ELSE, SOMETHING THAT'S NOT HUMAN
BUT 17 IS WHEN OUR POWERS ARE AT THEIR PEAK... AT GREAT EXPENSE.

IM...SORRY.
I HAD NO IDEA AND...

THIS IS THEIR GAME, YOU KNOW.
WHY
...IT'S SO SAD.
DON'T CRY.

Oh no. I'm laughing..
YES, HA HA. THAT'S TRUE.
And inviting us into your bedroom.
YOU'RE TALKING TO US...
...US DEVILS!
CHIAKI!
IS SOMEONE IN THERE?
IT'S PART OF THE RITUAL.
YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN THEIR SNARE. THERE'S SOMEONE WHO LED YOU THERE.
BUT WHY HAVE YOU AND I BEEN CHOSEN AS COMRADES?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHO DID THIS? HOW DO YOU KNOW?
WHA...!
NO, THIS IS SERIOUS!
I FOUND OUT JUST NOW WHEN I KISSED YOU, BUT.
CATCH YOUR BREATH.

...WE MUST GET MIO BACK, EVEN IF IT MEANS KILLING EACH OTHER!
YOU'RE DETERMINED AREN'T YOU?
YOU WON'T GIVE UP NO MATTER WHAT I CAN TELL.
I WISH I HAD THAT KIND OF COURAGE.
YOU DO.

SO, THEY'VE COME
WHAT? WAIT A MINUTE, THOSE ARE MY PARENTS
THEY'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY, IT COULDN'T BE.
CHIAKI!!
WHO ARE YOU?! GET AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER!
I WON'T LET YOU GET IN THE WAY!
STOP IT, DAD!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. GET BACK.
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HURTING YOUR PARENTS--
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.....!
EEK...
IT'S NO USE.
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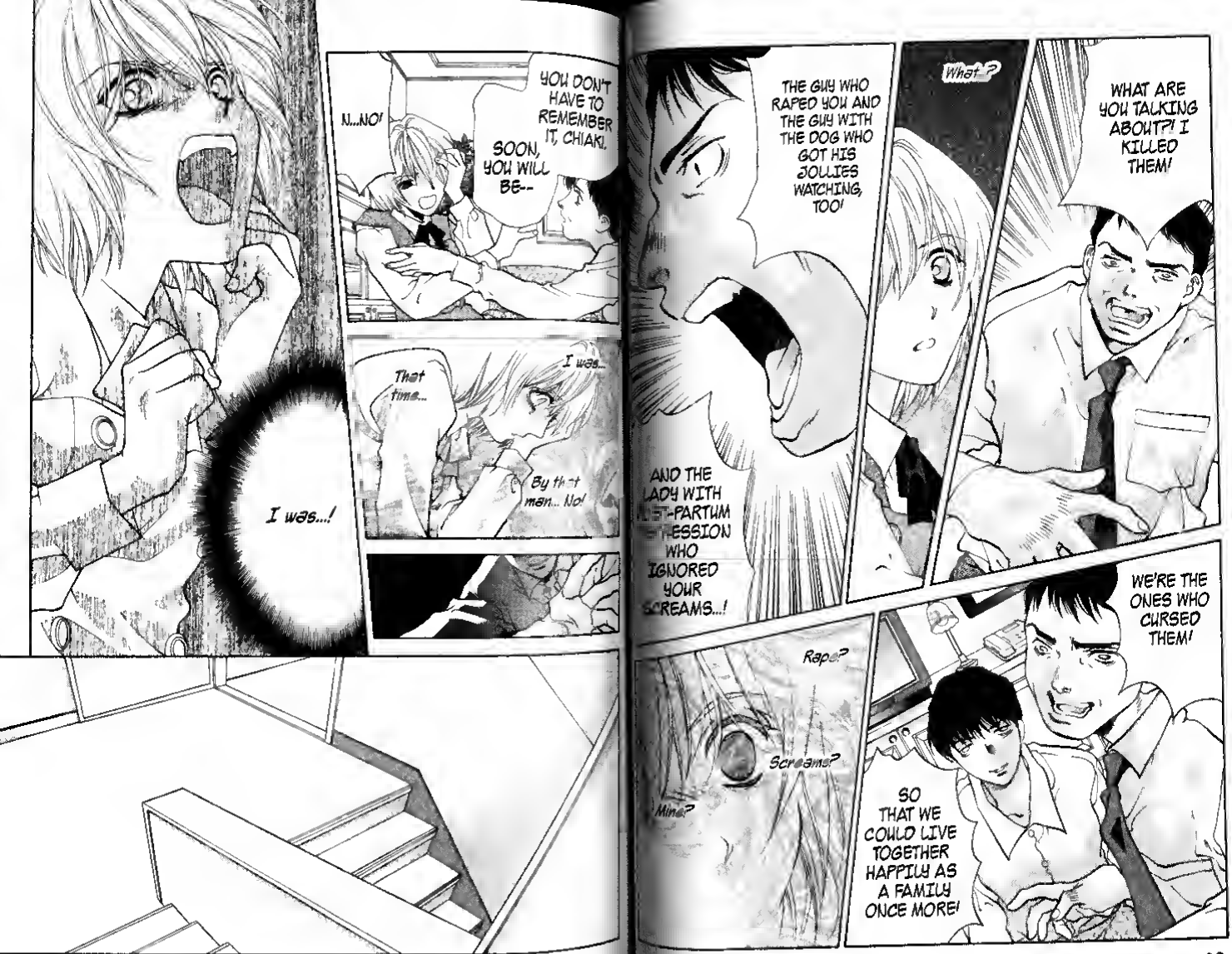
FINALLY FOUND YOU!
TURNED INTO MY TYPE OF GIRL... CUTE, EH?!
MA... MAKO?
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP! THIS CONDO'S CURSED!
ALL THE TENANTS WILL GO CRAZY AND DIE!
DAD!
STOP IT! DON'T DISRUPT THE RITUAL!

YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK. I'M IMMUNE TO YOUR ATTACKS
TAKE THIS!
STOP IT...!
THEY'RE MY PARENTS! PLEASE DON'T KILL THEM!


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I KILLED THEM!
What...?
THE GUY WHO RAPED YOU AND THE GUY WITH THE DOG WHO GOT HIS JOLLIES WATCHING, TOO!
AND THE LADY WITH POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION WHO IGNORED YOUR SCREAMS...!
WE'RE THE ONES WHO CURSED THEM!
SO THAT WE COULD LIVE TOGETHER HAPPILY AS A FAMILY ONCE MORE!
Rape?
Screams?
Mine?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER IT, CHIAKI.
SOON, YOU WILL BE--
N...NO!
That time...
I was...
By that man... No!
I was...!

NEMA

WAIT A MINUTE!
HERE WE GO, RAI!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT...
... HOW YOU CHANGED US!
OK! READY WHEN YOU ARE!

BUT IT SEEMS IT MAY BECOME AN AMUSING GAME.
AND I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
RAI, YOU OKAY?
OF COURSE I AM THE SHIELD, YOU KNOW
WE'RE OKAY... BECAUSE WE'RE MONSTERS.
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS.

HA HA.
YOU WOULD REBEL AGAINST ME WITH THE POWERS I HAVE GRANTED YOU?
YOU, WHO KNOW NO GRATITUDE OR HONOR.

PROMISE ME.
WHEN I TURN 18... AND I FORGET MY HUMAN SOUL AND BECOME SOMETHING PURELY EVIL....
I KNOW, REN.
I WILL KILL YOU BEFORE YOU CHANGE. AND YOU....
...PLEASE KILL ME... WHILE IM STILL HUMAN.
That is our pledge
To foil the devils in the end...
IT LEFT... IT DISAPPEARED.
I DON'T KNOW. THE RITUAL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED.
THINGS WILL PROBABLY GO BACK TO NORMAL.
IS IT OVER ALREADY? ARE MY PARENTS' GOING TO BE ENGULFED BY THEIR SINS?
AND NO ONE WILL BELIEVE ANY OF THIS HAPPENED, WILL THEY?
SOMETHING SO STRANGE LIKE THIS.
YOUR NAMES...
PLEASE TELL THEM TO ME.

IM REN.
AND I'M RAI.
IS THERE A CHANCE WE'LL MEET AGAIN?
CALL US IF YOU WANT TO DIE.
WE'LL KILL YOU WHILE YOU'RE STILL HUMAN.
YOU'RE HORRIBLE, AREN'T YOU?
THEN WE'LL CRY FOR YOU.
BECAUSE YOU CRIED FOR US...
GOODBYE
ハロ!...
HMPH
WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE...
RIGHT, DAD? MOM...?

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST LET ME REST IN PEACE?
MA... MAKO.
DON'T BE SO DOWN, CHIAKI.
THEY'RE PROBABLY HAPPY THAT THEY THEMSELVES BECAME SACRIFICES.
WHAT THEY WANTED WASN'T REVENGE, BUT RESURRECTION...
STOP IT! I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER!
...OF THEIR RAPED AND MURDERED DAUGHTER!
BUT WITH THIS, THEIR DESIRE MAY BE FULFILLED.
17 YEAR-OLDS ARE SO SCARY LATELY
NO! YOU'RE WRONG!
HOW SAD. YOU KILLED YOUR PARENTS AND NOW YOU'RE IN SHOCK
BUT I HAD NO CHOICE! THEY WERE INSANE... BOTH OF THEM...!

We'll do anything to get you back!
CHIAKI!
CHIAKI..
It doesn't matter what form, please come back.
We want another chance!
WE WORKED SO LONG AND HARD FOR THIS HOME.
WE MOVED HERE.. BECAUSE WE THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY!
MY DAUGHTER DIED SO NEAR TO EVERYONE!
DIDN'T ANYONE HEAR YOU SCREAM FOR HELP?
CURSE THIS PLACE!
GIVE US OUR DAUGHTER BACK!
THAT PEOPLE...

raped me in the condo's garage and..
I was lonely and..the guy I went out with..
..no one came for me..!
..no matter how loud I screamed help..
No one..!
CHIAKI!
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?!
Then, when my parents came home late...
..they discovered my cold body.

FROM JUST A CORPSE TO SOMETHING OTHER THAN HUMAN.
WE WILL MEET AGAIN.
CONGRATULATIONS. YOU WILL BE BORN, CHIAKI.
YOU HAVE INHERITED THE ETHIC. THOSE WERE THE SACRIFICES.
AAAHHH!
The fetus without a head!!
What's going to grow in place of the head?
Not human...
...a monster!
This thing inside my stomach...
That was "me"?!

URGH?!
Am I giving birth...?
AH...H...
I SHALL FULFILL IT...!

I have to stop it.
I can't move...
I can't give up.
I can't even kill myself!
REN!
MMPH.
RAI!
Someone kill me... please
URGH....
This is something that must not be born
This is my life, you know!

Don't worry.

For as much as you've suffered...

I'll cry for you.

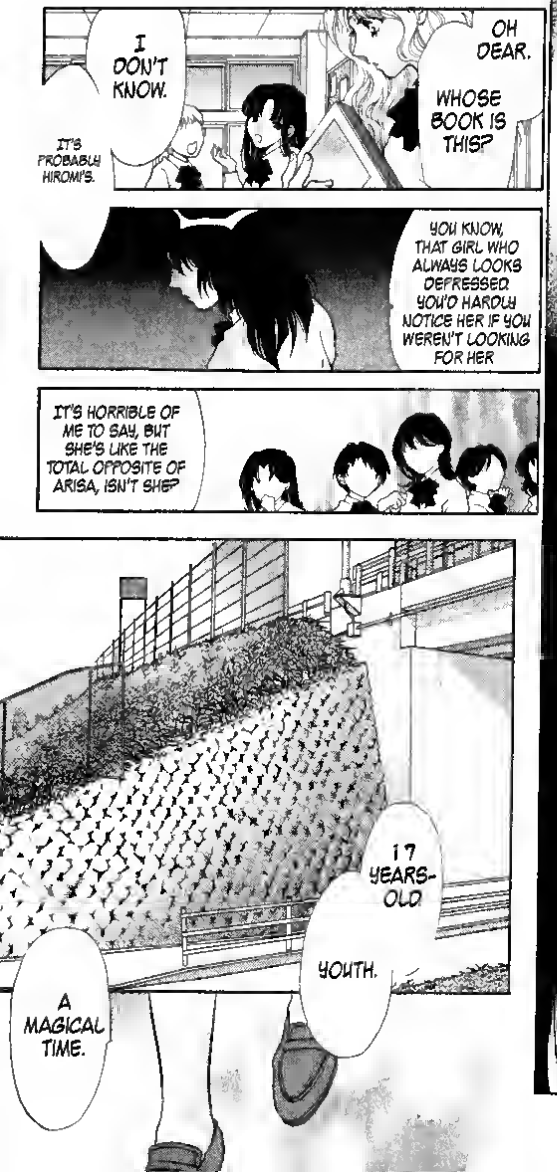
I'm falling.
What was my initial wish?..
EEEE!
Why did it turn out like this...
HELP! SAVE ME! SHE-SHE... SUDDENLY STARTED ATTACKING WITH A KNIFE..
EEK!
Y-YES, HER NAME IS—

Diabolo

Reincarnation Ritual I

So that
I may exist!
I SAW! I SAW! ARISA WAS IN IT, WASN'T SHE?
HEY, DID YOU SEE THIS MONTH'S COMIKURI?
Comikuri
!

...hen ...ches ...ange ...trong ...ures...
It doesn't matter.
I don't understand.
Blood is inevitable.
It's not a sin.
It's just something that can't be helped anymore.
...fall into the ...os that devils set.
Why did she do this?


I DON'T KNOW.
OH DEAR.
WHOSE BOOK IS THIS?
IT'S PROBABLY HIROMI'S.
YOU KNOW, THAT GIRL WHO ALWAYS LOOKS DEFRESSED. YOU'D HARDLY NOTICE HER IF YOU WEREN'T LOOKING FOR HER
IT'S HORRIBLE OF ME TO SAY, BUT SHE'S LIKE THE TOTAL OPPOSITE OF ARISA, ISN'T SHE?
17 YEARS-OLD
YOUTH.
A MAGICAL TIME.

I want to be like Arisa Everyone does

A STAR MIGHT BE BORN IN THIS VERY SCHOOL!
MORNING, ARISA!
I SAW THIS MONTH'S BOOK! CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING MISS COMIKURI!
Pretty Arisa.
She's so lucky. Everything good happens to her.
It must be fate... I ought to give it up.
I AM PRETTY LUCKY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF
BUT THIS TIME, THEY WANT ME TO DO A SHOOT FOR A PHOTO SPREAD.
AWESOME!

YOU CAN'T.
NE...

DID YOU WRITE THIS?
Holy words?
HOLY WORDS CAN HAVE DIFFERENT MEANINGS WHEN READ BACKWARDS.
BE CAREFUL.
YOU READ THAT BACKWARDS, YOU KNOW.

ALL LIES...
VEMA

What's this?
How did I get here?
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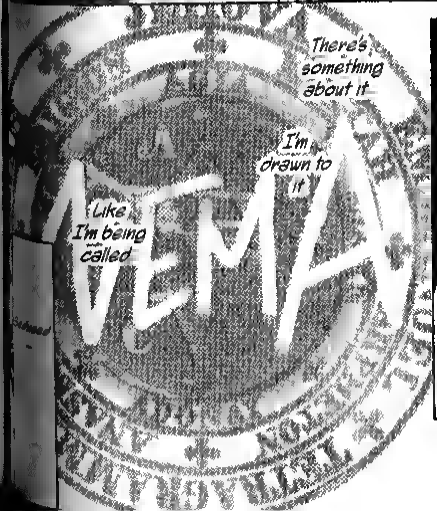

There's something about it...
I'm drawn to it
Like I'm being called
VEMA

But
What is this weird gravity!?
Are these words in blood?
IT COULDN'T BE, HUH?

BE CAREFUL.
IT'S EASY FOR THEM TO TARGET PEOPLE LIKE YOU
HEY..!
IS SHE SUSPICIOUS?
SHOULD WE KEEP AN EYE ON HER FOR A WHILE?
.....
RAI.
IT WAS... NOTHING, REALLY. A MISTAKE.
AFTER ALL, I'M NOT REALLY GOOD AT ANYTHING.
Not like Arisa.
WHY?
NORMAL PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO READ THESE. THAT'S QUITE REMARKABLE OF YOU.
NOPE. I FOUND IT JUST NOW, TOO.
WHAT?
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GIVEN UP ON EVERYTHING FROM THE START.

What could I do to get into that circle...?
I SUPPOSE. ESPECIALLY CHATS.
SO DO YOU SURF THE NET, ARISA?
UH...
ME, TOO..

I, For one, hope that we don't meet her here again
She reminds me of how I used to be
Amen.
NOT YET. AT LEAST NOT RIGHT NOW.
SHE'S JUST A SHEEP THAT'S STRAYED FROM THE HERD.
SHOW ME.
TEACH ME TEACH ME. TEACH MEEE.
What is it that I can do.?
Please tell me..!
HIROMI?
TURN OFF THE COMPUTER! IT'S TIME TO GO TO SLEEP!
AL-READY..?

There's no such thing as a wish that won't come true.

All you need is to make an effort.

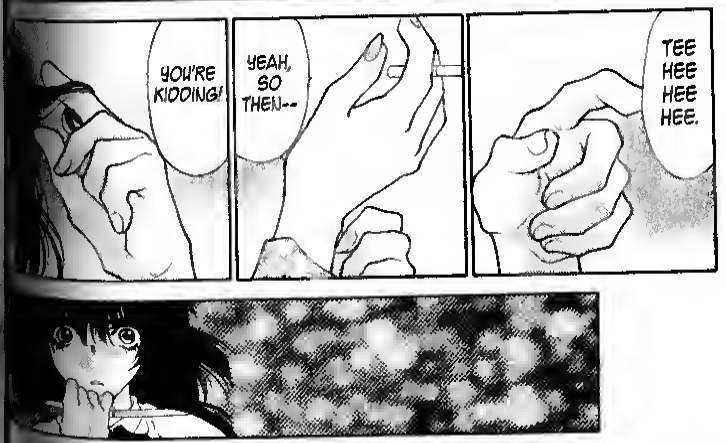
You should treasure your life

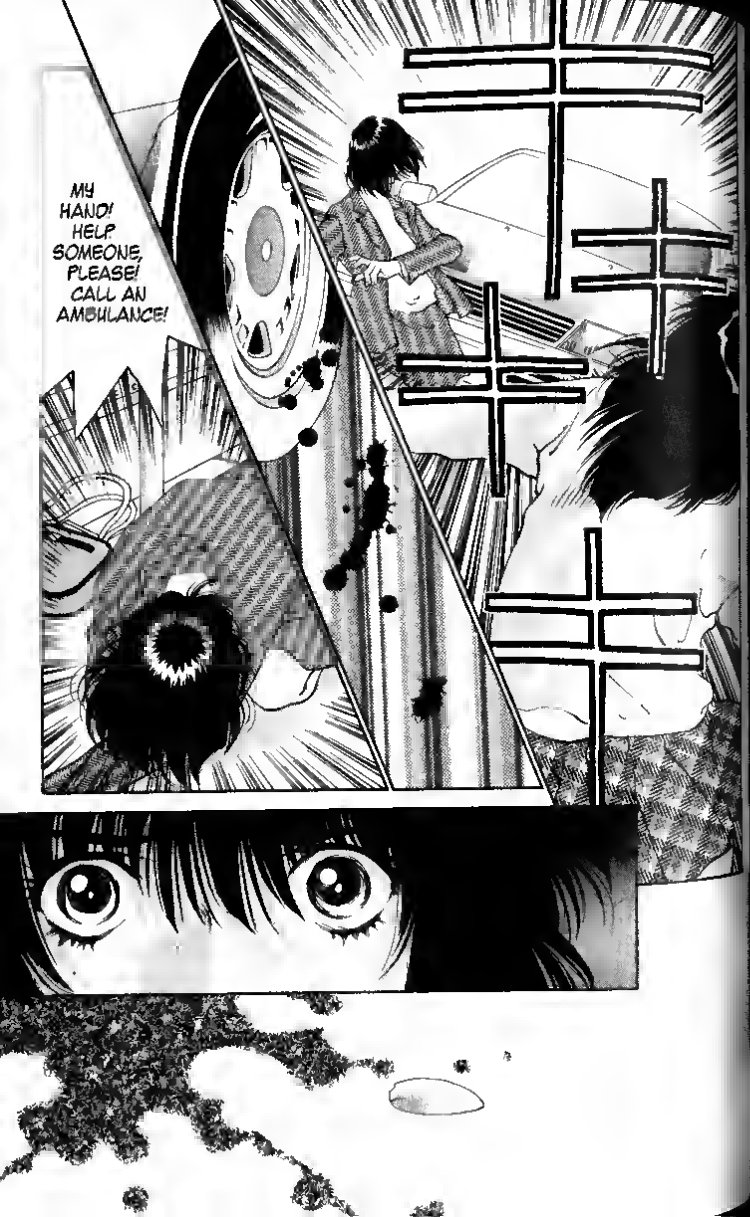
What are you saying?

Don't be stupid

What you need is someone else's pain.

First, start with someone's torn nail.




MY HAND! HELP SOMEONE, PLEASE! CALL AN AMBULANCE!

I'M SORRY!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT DID I DO?

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SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, RAI?

IT'S ABOUT THE TIME THAT THINGS START TO SMELL LIKE DIABOLO.

Me, I...
Besides, how could that other person know what I want or need?
I could get in trouble for something like this
...I'm stupid
I shouldn't believe in things like that from a chat room

I know what to do now
I need to offer this raw nail
My desire is...
I want to be like Arisa
I want to be her friend
Arisa!
HIROMI! PLEASE GET UP!!!
YOU SPEND ALL NIGHT ON THAT DAMN COMPUTER!
HMM...
I want to be beautiful...

MM-HM
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT SEE YA!
AT LEAST MY HAIR IS BETTER THAN ARISA'S!
MAKE AN EFFORT.
TO FULFILL MY DREAM...
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WHAT I WANT IS SOMEONE ELSE'S PAIN. SOMEONE ELSE'S SCREAMS. SOMEONE ELSE'S MISERY.
EEK!
WHO?

Offer the hair from someone's head

WHEN'S ARISA'S SHOOT FOR THE PHOTO SPREAD?
LET'S TAG ALONG. THERE MIGHT BE A JUICY OFFER, YOU KNOW?
OH NO... THE COMPUTER'S BROKEN, ISN'T IT?
I WONDER IF THE COMPUTER SHOP ON THE CORNER CAN FIX IT?
HIROMI?
YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YET, HAVE YOU? WHAT ABOUT BREAKFAST...?
YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON THAT COMPUTER. I MEAN, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING?

GET OUT OF MY WAY.
WHA...WHAT IS IT?
WHATEVER YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN ISN'T SOME KIND OF BLESSING, OR LUCK.
TSK, TSK. LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BECOME CORRUPT
...WITH THE DIABOLO.
NO. IT'S JUST A TRANSACTION.
OH...?
It's worth it if I can get closer to Arisa.
My life will change. I just know it!
She'll be all right Nothing a little ibuprofen won't help!
AND THEN BLOOD AND FLESH.
HEY, LITTLE SHEEP.

I'M GOING TO CHANGE THINGS. I'VE FOUND A WAY!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO! GET THE HELL OUT OF MY WAY!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DO WHAT IT TELLS ME!
SOMETIMES THEY JUST DON'T GET IT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.
WELL, WELL. YOU KNOW WHAT I ALWAYS SAY, RAI...
I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS, NOT ONE BIT.
EE...

LEAVE ME ALONE!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
...AH...
TRY AS YOU MIGHT...
...YOU CAN'T ...RT ME ...H YOUR ...UMAN STRENGTH
I SERVE AS THE SHIELD.
AND I'M THE SWORD.
...BEST FOR YOU TO GO ...OME. YOU ...'T WANT TO ...OME SOME ...ETIC LITTLE ...ONSTER.

YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU?
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YOU'RE NOT HUMAN...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DABBLE WITH.
THEN, I'LL BE MISERABLE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, HUH?

HIROMI?
What a nightmare.
To the extent that I'd listen and obey those ominous words.
But, there's no hope against a trap by a devil.
All I wanted was to be liked by Arisa.
I just wanted to laugh with her.
Amen.
I'LL PRAY FOR YOUR HAPPINESS.
AMEN.
I WISH YOU WOULD REALIZE THAT
THE FACT THAT YOU CAN STILL ASK YOURSELF WHETHER YOU'RE MISERABLE OR NOT MEANS YOU'RE STILL CAPABLE OF BEING HAPPY

SEE? YOUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN REWARDED.
DON'T YOU THINK?
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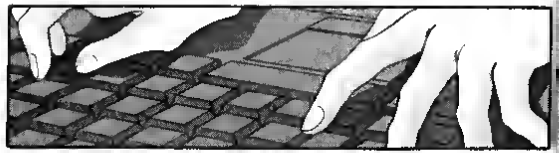
MM, BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...
YOUR FACE COULD BE A BIT THINNER, DON'T YOU THINK?
A LITTLE DIETING SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT
YEAH...

This was the first time I'd ever talked to her
W...WHY SOMEONE LIKE ME?
I'VE GOT TO SAY, YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL LATELY.
WOULD YOU MIND COMING WITH ME TO MY PHOTO SHOOT?
MY OTHER FRIEND CAN'T GO ANYMORE
YES?



The value of the results you obtain depend on the effort

It's all right. Do not fear. It is something everyone is doing.

MY BEAUTIFUL HAIR! HOW DARE SHE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY HAVEN'T CAUGHT THE STUDENT YET.
WHEN THEY FIND WHOEVER DID IT...
WELL, YOU DID GET A CHUNK OF HAIR PULLED OUT BY SOME CRAZED GIRL.
WHAT THE HELL? WHY IS HIROMI TAKING MY PLACE WITH ARISA?!

Their young wish...
I'M RAI...
REN.
WE WANT TO BE STRONG.
I SHALL SAVE THIS GIRL.
NOW, BRING HER HERE.
WE'RE AFRAID THE GIRL WE TREASURE WILL DIE.
SO WE CAN PROTECT THE PEOPLE WE LIKE
The mysterious ritual
I SHALL GRANT YOUR DESIRE.

Shall I tell you the story of the boys who obtained power in the same fashion?
Boys..?
The crime involving the young boys from ten years ago
WHAT DO YOU DESIRE?
COME HERE, CHILDREN. WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?
WHAT..?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHICH BOYS?
The missing girl

THEY'RE JUST LIKE ME, AREN'T THEY...?
THE BOYS...
HEH, HEH...
...FROM FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF THE DEVIL. WE TRY.

WHAT IS IT, RAI? WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU? THAT GIRL'S OKAY NOW, RIGHT?
MAYBE
THIS OMINOUS POWER..
..YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO'D RISK THEIR LIVES FOR IT.
HMM.
IF A DEVIL COULD REALLY MAKE A WISH COME TRUE.

BUT THEY SET SO MANY TRAPS.
WE SHOULD KNOW.
AT LEAST WE SAVE OTHERS WITH THIS UNWANTED EVIL POWER WE'VE RECEIVED.
WE TRY TO STOP THE SHEEP.

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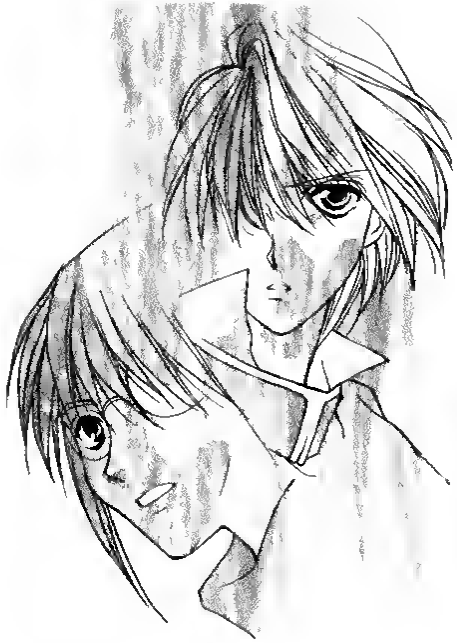
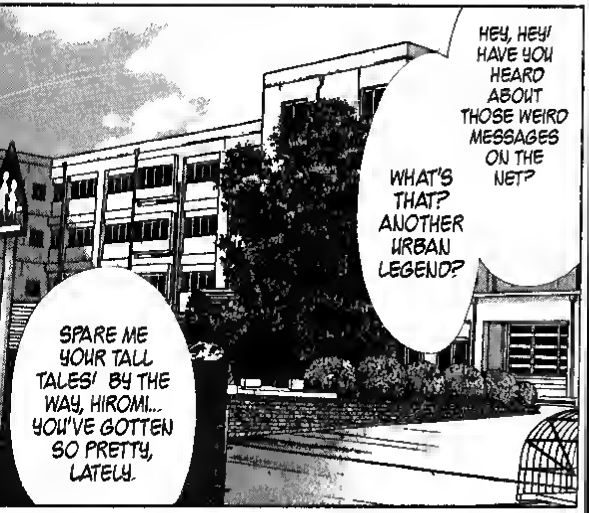
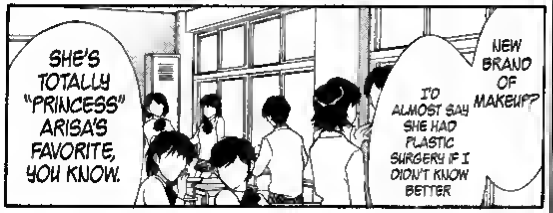
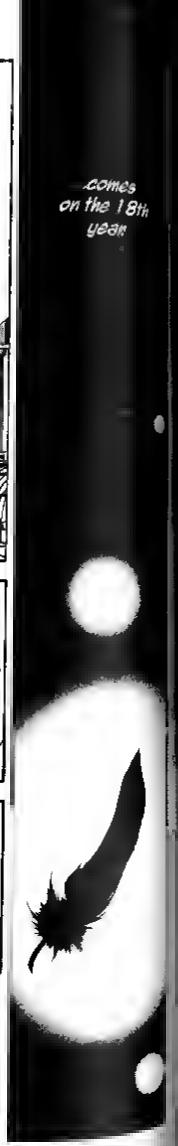
Reincarnation Ritual II




HEY, HEY! HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THOSE WEIRD MESSAGES ON THE NET?
WHAT'S THAT? ANOTHER URBAN LEGEND?
SPARE ME YOUR TALL TALES! BY THE WAY, HIROMI... YOU'VE GOTTEN SO PRETTY, LATELY.


SHE'S TOTALLY "PRINCESS" ARISA'S FAVORITE, YOU KNOW.
I'D ALMOST SAY SHE HAD PLASTIC SURGERY IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER
NEW BRAND OF MAKEUP?

HIROMI! LET'S GO! WE'LL BE LATE!


...comes on the 18th year.

The temptation of devils...
...leads one on a road that is far from one's true desires.
And, to make matters worse, the devil's snare...

WOW. YOU'RE BOTH FABULOUS.
THE CAMERA ABSOLUTELY LOVES YOU. YES!
RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
HIROMI.
IT'S STRANGE REALLY, YOU LOOK SO PRETTY ALL OF A SUDDEN.
TEE HEE HEE...
IT'S SOMETHING.... THAT EVERYONE'S DOING, YOU KNOW.
Just a bit of effort.
SLIGHTLY, YOU KNOW... I GET A BAD FEELING.
I CAN'T FIND ANY MORE CLUES IN THIS PAPER
THOUGH THERE'RE A LOT OF PURSE SNATCHERS AND THIEVES.
DOES IT STILL BOTHER YOU, RAI?
!

IT'S NOT POISONED OR ANYTHING.
DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED WE'RE COMRADES, AREN'T WE?
LUNCH?
COMRADES?
YOU DESIRED SOMETHING, DIDN'T YOU?
SOMETHING FROM THE DEVIL?
YOU GOT THOSE POWERS, RIGHT? BY SACRIFICING SOMETHING.
Let's save Mio together the two of us A nice person showed me how to do it
Ren..
With this we can be stronger
We can protect Mio
I KNOW WHAT YOU OFFERED.
A LITTLE GIRL.

DON'T, REN!
COUGH! COUGH!
THIS GIRL IS STILL HUMAN!
HE HASN'T COMPLETELY FALLEN.
FALLEN?
DOES THAT MEAN MY WISH WILL BE GRANTED?
WONDERFUL.
YOU...!
YOU REALLY DO REMIND ME OF MYSELF.
ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. ACTING LIKE YOU'VE GIVEN UP ON IT ALL. BUT IN TRUTH-- YOU'RE GREEDY. YOU WANT EVERYTHING.
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING. SOON, THE PEOPLE YOU'VE HURT WILL RECOVER.
AND THEN WHATEVER YOU HAVE WILL DISAPPEAR.
YOU'RE NOT SO PRETTY INSIDE RIGHT NOW.
REN...
RAI, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT GIRL...
REN.
I'M SORRY.
HEY, ENOUGH ALREADY! TURN AROUND!
I GOT YOU INTO THIS.

THE SHOOT IS NEXT WEEK.
YOU'RE KIDDING... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HIROMI! GREAT NEWS! THEY WANT US FOR A SPECIAL ON YOUNG LADIES THIS TIME!
I WON'T LET YOU BEAT ME.

It's not like I want to compete with Arisa

What jerks!
Who do they think they are? When they're doing the same thing as me?!
I won't let them get in my way.
It's all right. See, if I close my eyes...
...those bloody words are in my head.

HI, HIRO...
OH THAT? IT WAS BROKEN AND THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE FIXED
YOU DIDN'T THROW IT AWAY, DID YOU?
It was guiding me!
It helped me change things!
I NEED THAT COMPUTER! PLEASE! GIVE IT BACK!
GIVE IT BACK!
YOU USED TO BE SUCH A GENTLE, GOOD GIRL..!
YOU'VE CHANGED...
NAG! NAG! NAG!
SHUT UP!
I've finally gotten to be friends with Arisa...
What should I do?
What do I need to do?
What should I do next?
Oh, yes!
Someone else's pain!

AGH... HELP M-ME!
NO... PLEASE DON'T HURT ME IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT YOU CAN HAVE EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!
!
YOU SURE ARE VIOLENT FOR A PURSE-SNATCHER.
HEY! YOU COULDN'T BE...
WAIT!
SHE GOT AWAY!
THE RITUAL WASN'T DISRUPTED AFTER ALL!
THAT UNIFORM...!

IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT? IT'S ARISA, AFTER ALL! YES I COULD NEVER FORGET THAT VOICE.
WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL TOGETHER. I CAME HERE BECAUSE MY PARENTS TRANSFERRED, TOO.
AH!
BUT EVEN SO, YOU'VE CHANGED, HAVEN'T YOU? YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT ALMOST LIKE ANOTHER PERSON, AREN'T YOU?
Arisa?
?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE PLASTIC SURGERY, DID YOU?
A WOMAN'S FACE IS HER LIFE!
WE'LL BEGIN SHOOTING. COME IN PAIRS, OKAY?
THE FREAK ONLY GOES FOR WOMEN'S FACES.
HMM?
ARISA, WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?
NOTHING...
ARISA?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE WAS A ROBBERY IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD LAST NIGHT.
I SAY IT'S DEFINITELY A PERVERT!
Was it really that girl ...?

What...?
Giggle
GAWD. YOU WERE SO UGLY IT WAS HARD NOT TO PICK ON YOU.
I REMEMBER WHEN YOU TOOK A YEAR OFF FROM SCHOOL AND THEN TRANSFERRED... JUST LIKE THAT! EVERYONE WAS SO RELIEVED!
HEY! STOP SAYING SUCH MEAN THINGS!
HMM. BUT OBVIOUSLY YOU WEREN'T JUST "TAKING A BREAK" IT WAS A "METAMORPHOSIS"
SO, AREN'T YOU KIND OF CHEATING? BEING WITH THE REAL BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE, HERE?
CLUNK
ARISA...
HIROMI, CARRYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...? THAT'S A BIT DANGEROUS, ISN'T IT?
SIGH IT'S TRUE...I TOOK A YEAR OFF FROM SCHOOL BECAUSE I WAS SO PICKED ON, YOU KNOW...
SEE?
IT WAS JUST BEFORE YOU TURNED 18, I THINK.
WELL, I HAVEN'T HAD PLASTIC SURGERY OR ANYTHING. NEVER UNDER THE KNIFE. NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO BE!

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE SO BEAUTIFUL THAT EVERYONE WOULD BOW DOWN BEFORE ME!
THIS IS HOW I BECAME BEAUTIFUL.
HEH, HEH, HEH.
EEK!
URGH.
I JUST ASKED.
HELP! SAVE ME! THERE'S A CRAZY GIRL WITH A KNIFE!
AAAHH!!
Who did this...?

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HEE... HEE, HEE... HA HA HA.
AHHH...
...YES...
This is Arisa?
It was...
NO... ARISA...
I admired her.
I USUALLY CALM DOWN BY NOW.
...devil
MORE! MORE! MORE! MORE--!!
!

ARISA! DUCK!
!!
SHE'S NOT HUMAN!!
SHE'S BEEN ON A SLOW PATH TO DESTRUCTION. HARD TO FIND.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
THAT WOUND ON HER ARM... SHE'S THE PURSE-SNATCHER I TOTALLY THOUGHT IT WAS HIROMI...

DAMN!
WAIT! STOP!
WHAT IS IT?!
YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HER, RIGHT? WITH YOUR POWER!
IT IS BECAUSE WE'RE THE SAME THAT WE MUST SAVE HER!
THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETELY FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE DEVIL LOSE SANITY AT 17 AND BECOME MONSTERS AT 18!
I'M GOING AHEAD, RAI.
AT LEAST FOR NOW, WHILE WE'RE STILL HUMAN...
THEN...
THEN YOU GUYS WILL ALSO...?
WHEN THE TIME COMES, WILL YOU KILL US, LITTLE SHEEP?
WE...
. DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME--

LET GO! SHE'S THE BAD ONE!
SHE PULLED OFF MY HAIR ALONG WITH MY SCALP!
ARISA...!

HEY YOU!
!
.....!
THEY SAY YOU'RE THE CULPRIT? MY HAIR, HOW COULD YOU..?!
YOU BITCH!

ARISA!
WAIT! HOLD ON!
...RO...MI
ARI...

PLEASE, NO...
I ADMIRED YOU SO MUCH...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SO DIFFERENT FROM SOMEONE LIKE ME. LIKE I WAS ANOTHER SPECIES.
BUT YOU SUFFERED JUST LIKE ME...?
We're so weak...you and I.
Cowards.
I WISH WE'D MET AND BECOME FRIENDS EARLIER...
So alone...
Hi...

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ヒーポー

YOU SHOULD GO TO HELL, TOO.
HA HA. AS IF IT'D END LIKE THIS.
...THE SAME PAIN... YOU...
A ..RISA.
YOU ONLY LIKED ME...
...BECAUSE I WAS PRETTY.
AFTER ALL...
...BIRDS OF A FEATHER...

I FELL INTO A TRAP THAT WAS LAID ON THE NET. THE SAME AS ARISA.
I'LL BE YOUR EYES AND WARN YOU WHEN I SEE SOMETHING ON THE WEB.
I...WANT TO HELP YOU.
BEFORE I TURN 18... AND BECOME A MONSTER.
YOU'RE STRONG, AREN'T YOU...? YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON INSIDE.

MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED...
You guys didn't wish for that kind of power...
You just wanted to help that little girl.
...and...

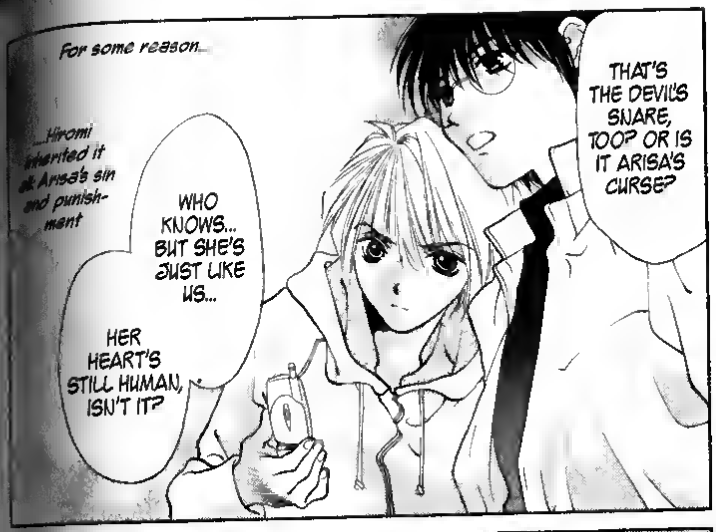
FAREWELL.
...there will come a day when you'll come to kill me, too.

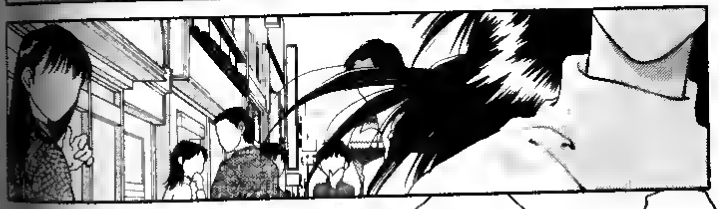
I'M GLAD WE MET.
HERE, TAKE THIS.

WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S NOT FOOD...
A CELL?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO ISOLATE YOURSELF
I INTEND TO. I HATE THE WAY I LOOK.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU GUYS BEFORE YOU LEFT.

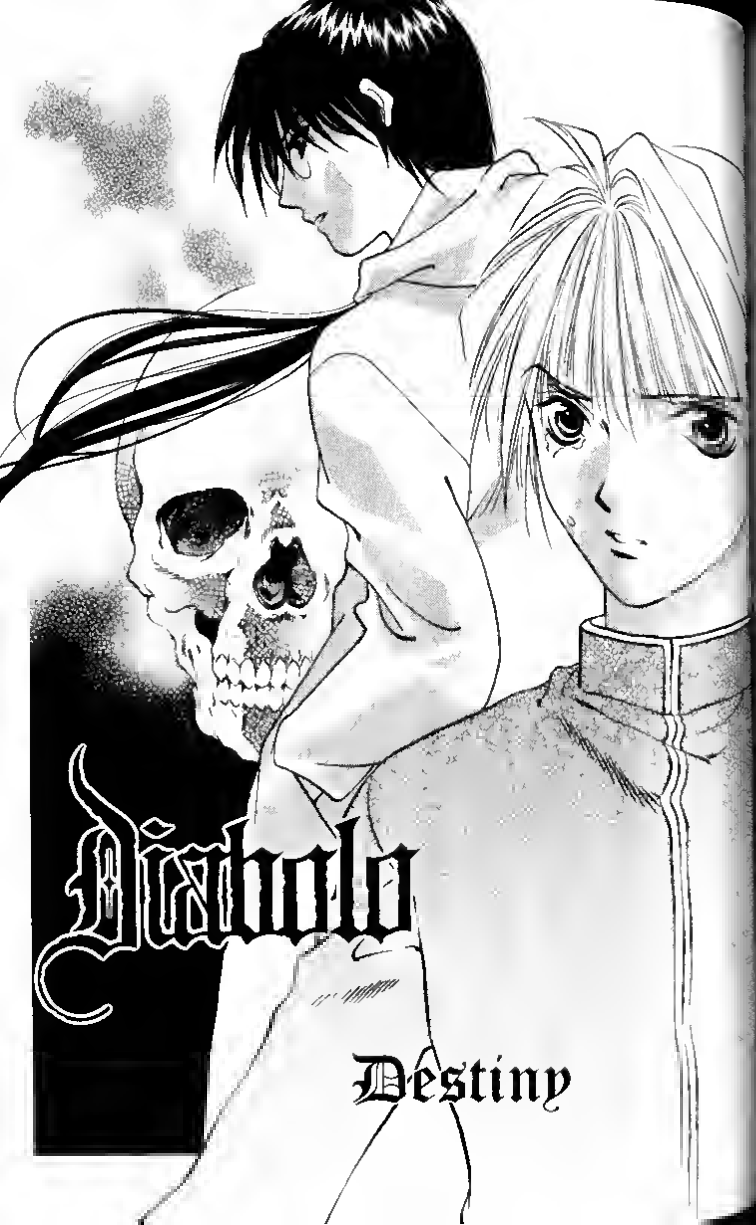
JEHOVA
Who will I pray to now?
Only to the Diabola
The devils' trap...
...steals what one truly desires...
Was I attracted to her because we had the same soul?


For some reason...
...Hiromi inherited it as Arisa's sin and punishment
WHO KNOWS... BUT SHE'S JUST LIKE US...
HER HEART'S STILL HUMAN, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S THE DEVIL'S SNARE, TOO? OR IS IT ARISA'S CURSE?



I just wanted to be friends with Arisa.

I didn't want something like this
THAT GIRL'S GOING TO DRIVE MEN INSANE.
MY GOD. SHE'S HOT!
NWH-UH?
DID YOU SEE THAT GIRL? ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL!


Diabolo
Destiny

REN!
RAI!
OH MY GOD. WHAT HAS MY CHILD DONE? COME HERE, REN!
NO. YOU'RE WRONG. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
I'VE GOT TO CALL THE POLICE!
THEY'VE KILLED A LITTLE GIRL!
THE YOUNGER KID IS FROM THE ORPHANAGE. THE OLDER KID IS FROM THE KIMURA FAMILY.
BLOOD! BLOOD?!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
WHERE IS MIO? WHAT HAPPENED? IS THIS... MIO'S BLOOD?
WHAT ABOUT MIO...?
I...I DON'T KNOW. WE WERE JUST.. DOING AS WE WERE TOLD..
...WE JUST MADE A WISH

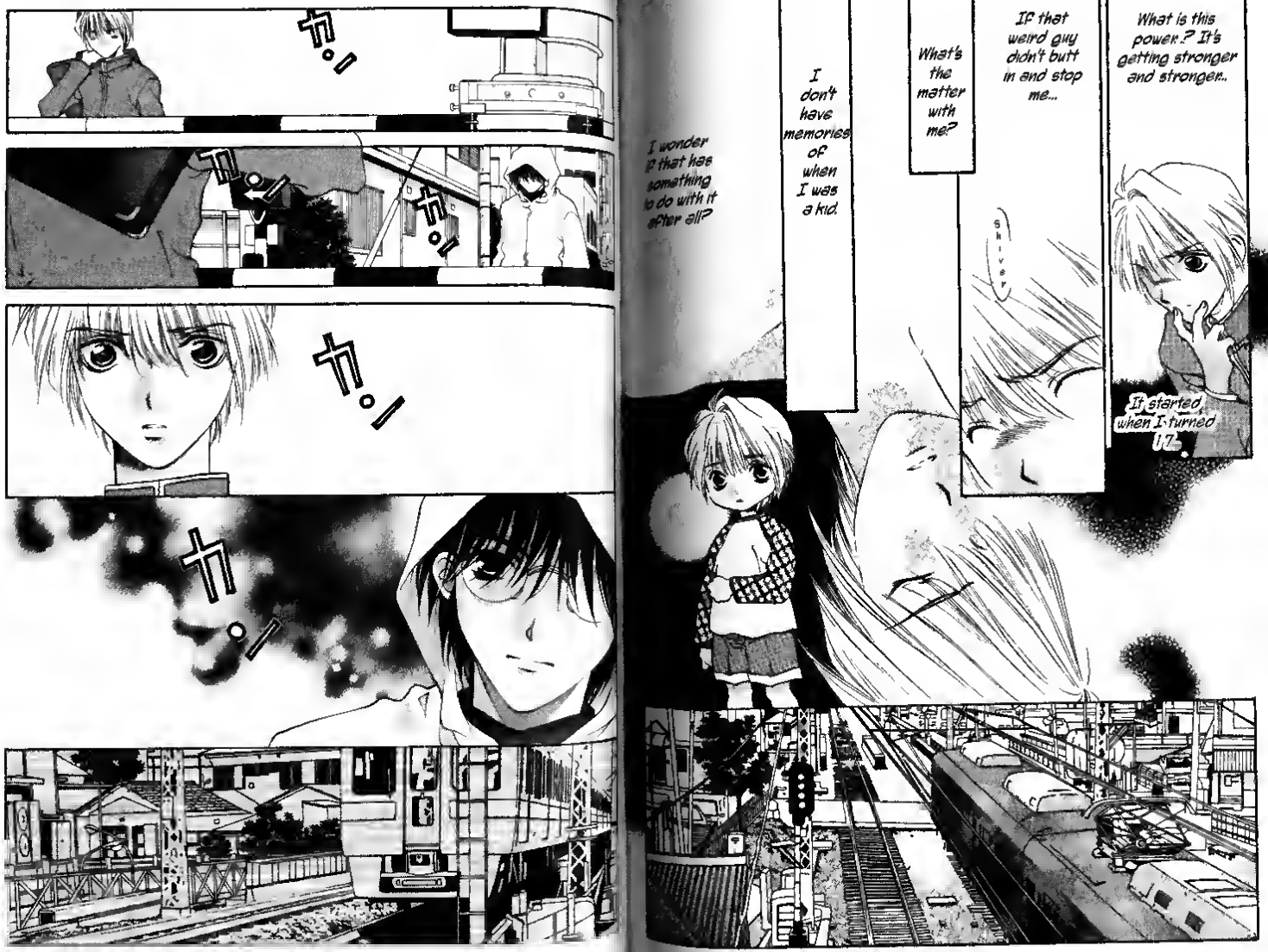
CMON, PUNK.
LET'S GO!
WHAT A CREEPY LOOK!

Ten years later

YO, TRANSFER STUDENT, WHY DON'T YOU EVER SAY ANYTHING?
THAT KID NEVER TALKS.
.....
WHAT A FREAK.

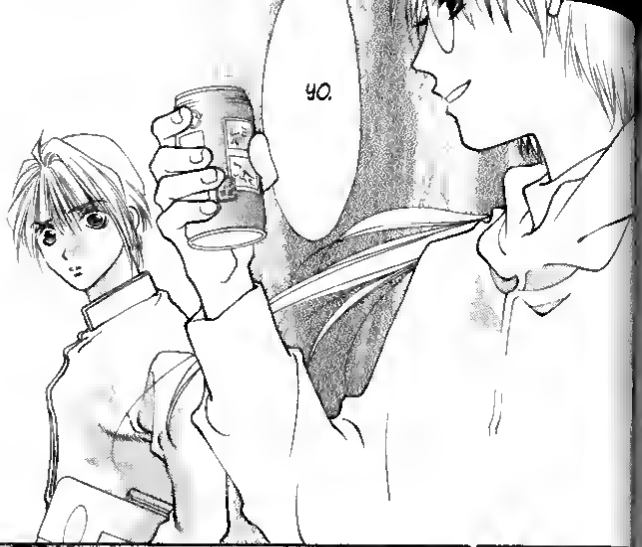
He's huge...
W.. WHAT IS IT? A HOMELESS GUY?
LET'S GO.

Splash
REN, YOU CAME HOME?
MAKE ME SOMETHING. MOM'S TIRED AND...


What is this power..? It's getting stronger and stronger..
If that weird guy didn't butt in and stop me...
What's the matter with me?
I don't have memories of when I was a kid.
I wonder if that has something to do with it after all?
SHIVER
It started when I turned 17.

I'LL PROTECT YOU! I'LL GET STRONG AND PROTECT YOU!
ME, TOO!
LEAVE IT TO US!
MIO'S DADDA AND MAMA ARE VIOLENT. THEY'RE SCAAAARY.
THEY SAY THEY WANT MIO TO DISAPPEAR BECAUSE HER BODY'S WEAK AND SHE COSTS TOO MUCH MONEY
Because we'll protect you..
Rei...?
Mio is...?
Just now, was that a dream?
My past?

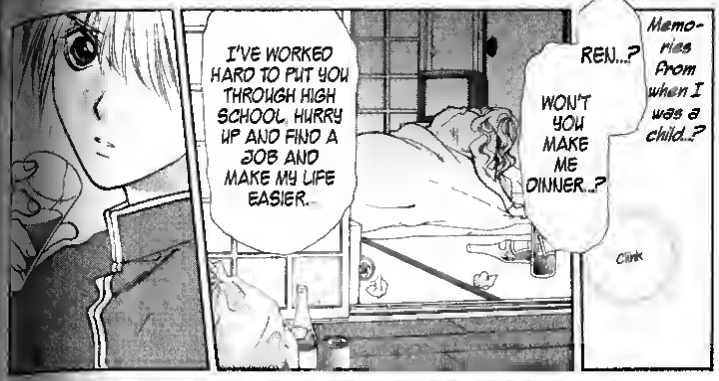
He's gone!
That guy. I've seen him before
YO, REN!
WHO'S THAT GIRL?
MY COUSIN, MIO.
SHE'S LIKE MY LITTLE SISTER, YOU KNOW.
BUT I'M PROBABLY GOING TO THE ORPHAN-AGE
I'M JUST STAYING AT REN'S HOUSE FOR NOW.
TO THE SAME ORPHAN-AGE AS ME? WHY?


YO.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
YOU LOOK FAMILIAR...

OH
WHAT? YOU CAN TALK.
YOU....

YOU DON'T REMEMBER?


I'VE WORKED HARD TO PUT YOU THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. HURRY UP AND FIND A JOB AND MAKE MY LIFE EASIER.
REN...?
WON'T YOU MAKE ME DINNER...?
Memories from when I was a child...?
Clink

There's hardly any jobs...and she's always tired.
Ever since she got divorced she's been moving us around..like she's trying to hide from something

The past doesn't matter
As long as Mom's with me

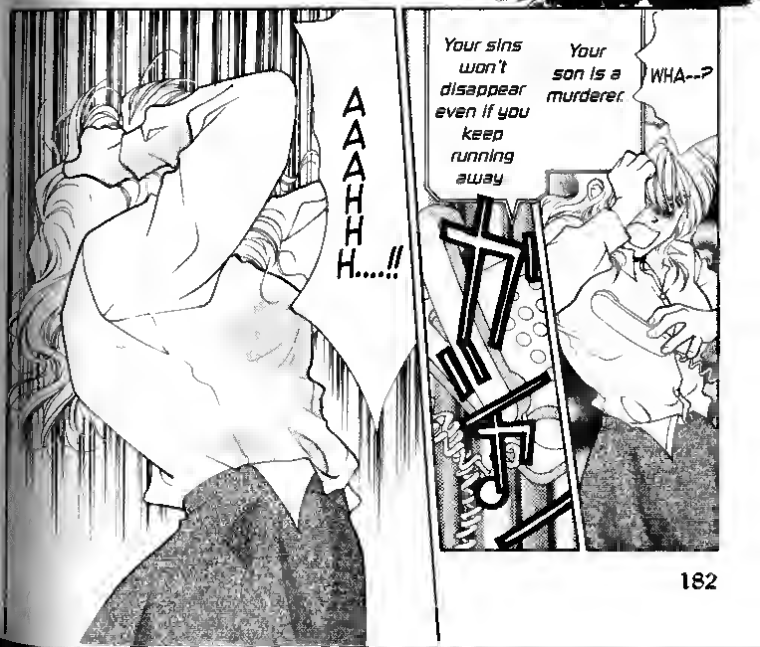
I KNOW THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED WHEN I WAS A KID, BUT...
MY MOM WON'T TALK ABOUT THE PAST.
I'VE CAUSED HER NOTHING BUT TROUBLE FROM WAY BACK, SO...
I... IT'S JUST THAT MOM IS...
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, YOU KNOW.
IT'S THE DEVIL'S FAULT.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE DEVILS' SNARE... WE WERE EASILY CAUGHT BY IT.
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT YOUR BODY? IT'S ABOUT TIME THINGS STARTED TO HAPPEN.
SORRY, BUT I'M IN A HURRY, SO--
MY NOSE IS QUITE ACCURATE AT SMELLING.
I SMELL BLOOD FROM YOUR BODY.
THE INJURIES ON YOUR BODY....
!
SHUT UP!

COME WITH ME. I'LL EXPLAIN.

I INTEND TO FIX MY TWISTED DESTINY WITH MY OWN HANDS.
WE'RE CHANGING INTO SOMETHING THAT ISN'T HUMAN BECAUSE OF THE DEAL WE MADE WITH THE DEVIL.
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE FIGHTING BACK AGAINST ALL OF THIS?
Together?

UH...
WHEN DID YOU NOTICE THAT POWER?
IS IT FOR THAT REASON THAT YOU DON'T FIGHT BACK AGAINST LESS-EXPERIENCED CLASSMATES?
IN THAT CASE, I'LL KICK YOUR ASS.
BUT... I DON'T WANT MOM TO KNOW.
I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE HER ANY MORE TROUBLE.
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH MY CHILDHOOD?

You murderer
YES, THAT'S RIGHT... WHO IS THIS?
WHA... WHAT?
R R R R R


AAAHHH....!!
Your sins won't disappear even if you keep running away
Your son is a murderer.
WHA--?

SORRY, I...
I CAN'T GO AFTER ALL, RAI. I CAN'T JUST LEAVE MY MOM ALONE.
IM SORRY.
HUH.
I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY, SO...
It took ten years to find you.
OKAY, THEN. TAKE CARE.
Ren.
All I had was you.

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!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
THEY FOUND OUT... THEY FOUND OUT AGAIN! WHEN I'VE BEEN RUNNING AWAY FOR TEN YEARS!
YOU DEVIL, YOU!
MO--
YOU DEVIL! DON'T ANSWER! DON'T SPEAK!
JUST SHUT UP!

IS EVERY MISTAKE A CHILD MAKES THEIR MOTHER'S FAULT?!
I'VE HAD STONES THROWN AT ME! DIVORCED! OSTRACIZED! THIS DAMNED LIFE!
NO! NO! NO MORE!!
MOM...
.....

NOW I
TURN ME BACK...
...INTO A WOMAN.
MOM...?
WHAT'S WRONG?! STOP!
HURRY!
MAKE LOVE TO ME!
NO...!

MOM, I'M SORRY!
YOU CAN HIT ME...BUT...
...I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER!
...I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
REN...

WHEN DID YOUR VOICE CHANGE...?
YOU'VE BECOME BIGGER, HAVEN'T YOU? OOH. YOU'VE STARTED TO LOOK LIKE YOUR FATHER.
MO...
THAT'S RIGHT... I'LL HAVE YOU MAKE THINGS UP TO ME. COME HERE!

...was for you to hold me gently.

HOW DARE YOU DENY YOUR MOTHER...?
YOU'RE A DEVIL, AFTER ALL! I'LL BE KILLED...!!!
IF I DON'T DO IT, I'LL BE KILLED! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

Sorry.
I'm so sorry, Mom.
But, all I wanted...
...just once...

IT'S OKAY...
THIS IS MY SHARE OF THE PAIN THAT YOU'VE ENDURED UNTIL NOW, REN. THE SCARS I SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED.
HEY.. STOP IT, MOVE!
I'LL BECOME YOUR SHIELD!
FROM NOW ON, REN..
I've been raised at an orphanage.. you're my only family
..just like brothers
Ren, we're close friends

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, AUNTY. VIOLENT AS USUAL, AREN'T YOU?
The scars all over his body...
YOU'RE BLOCKING THE MEMORIES, EH?
..YOU! THE BRAT FROM THE ORPHANAGE!
IT'S YOUR FAULT, ISN'T IT? I'LL KILL YOU WITH REN, TOO!
YOU...?

Rai!
STOP!
HAHAHA
REN...
DO YOU REMEMBER ME...?
RAI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

YEAH, AND ABOUT MIO, TOO.
WE...WERE LED BY SOMETHING STRANGE AND DID SOME KIND OF OMINOUS RITUAL!
SOMEONE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF US. TRICKED US. WHO WAS IT???
Y...
YOU...
Gasoline?
MONSTER....

MOM!
IT'S NO GOOD, REN! SHE'S NO LONGER SANE!
BUT SHE'S MY MOM!
MOM...
DON'T COME NEAR ME, YOU DEVIL.
REN!

MOM!
COME HERE... REN...
COME TO MOMMY...
I'LL HOLD YOU...

IT SEEMS THEY DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE...
THEY SAY THE BURNED CORPSE OF A WOMAN WAS FOUND.
AND THERE'S A MISSING PERSON
I'VE MADE YOU WAIT...
...HAVEN'T I, RAI?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S MUCH TIME LEFT, YOU KNOW?
YOU SHOULD DO AS YOU LIKE...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

Mom....
Dear..
I shouldn't have given birth to you!
I shouldn't have given birth to you!!
Ren! What did you do?!
Give me back my life! Make it up to me!
I wonder if he'll protect me when he grows up?
Look at our beautiful son Isn't he cute?
I'm looking forward to it

I'M GLAD I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO MEET YOU.
I'LL STAY WITH YOU UNTIL THE END.
Even if I'm hurt...
Even if I'm screaming
As long as I'm still living..
...I'll stand tall.
I WANT TO PROTECT SOMEONE.
I WANT TO SAVE SOMEONE.
YES.
Though we may not survive it...
LET'S GO.

To be continued in volume 2.

In the next installment of

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KINDLY LOOK UPON VOLUME 2, TOO!!

Moral

Co-authoring should not be done by two people who are both busy. We sisters are working hard while fighting (laughs) each time.

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Even so, we've gotten pretty used to co-authoring work. Please treat us well from now on, okay? Also, come visit our homepage, too!

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The braid that was unpopular ↓

Ren Life